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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT : Warning Report: Sub-Saharan Africa ☐

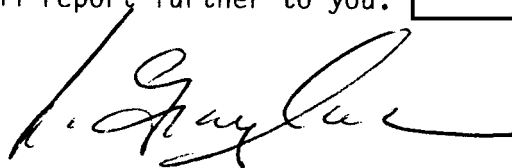
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1. Action Requested: None; the attached report is for your information. ☐

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2. Background: Community representatives and specialists met on 20 October 1981 with the NIO/AF as chairman. The attached report has not been coordinated with the other participants, but is being circulated to them. If they feel their views have been misinterpreted, or if they have significant additional concerns, I'll report further to you. ☐

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WARNING REPORT: SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA\* No. 36

MOZAMBIQUE

Analysts felt that Machel's government is feeling the pressure of NRM activities more than at any time in the past. The activities of the NRM are demoralizing the Mozambican military. This has resulted in Machel's call for additional Cuban support and does not preclude Zimbabwean involvement in support of Machel against the NRM. The increasing strain on Machel's government might ultimately lead to a move in the military against him. 25X1

ANGOLA

Analysts urged that a close watch be kept on any build-up of Cuban or other Soviet surrogates over the next three months. The Angolans appear to be looking for additional support from other than traditional sources and for financial support from Libya. Increased Cuban and other support in both Mozambique and Angola will further alarm Pretoria and may provoke additional South African action either in Angola or Mozambique.  25X1

SUDAN

A close watch has to be kept on the Sudanese internal situation over the next three months, particularly with reference to any developments in plotting against Nimeiri by Libya, possibly aided by Mengistu. Nimeiri's position ultimately rests on the support of the military; there are no indications that the military's loyalty to Nimeiri has diminished. Analysts were in general agreement that Libya was not in a position to mount a frontal attack on the western Sudan from Chad. If the Saudis make good on their pledge of \$150 million to Nimeiri, the funds should help the Sudanese cope more effectively with the country's serious economic plight.  25X1

BENIN

Recent reports indicate that a threat to Niger from Libyan-trained guerrillas based in Benin is developing. There also appears to be small groups of Libyan-trained dissidents from several other West African countries gathering in Benin, although we do not yet know their intentions.  25X1

\*This memorandum is one of a series produced monthly by NIO/AF. Its purpose is to review possible developments in the short-term future that would be damaging to US interests. Obviously, many of these developments will not occur in the time frame or in the manner suggested, or will not occur at all.

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MADAGASCAR

Close attention should be kept on possible Soviet offers to Ratsiraka for the use of Diego Suarez. The possibility exists that Ratsiraka might open Diego Suarez as a port to all nations which would permit greater Soviet opportunity to use the port. [ ] 25X1

SOMALIA

A watch should be kept over the next three months on any developments in coup plotting against Siad from within the army. Terrorist activities triggered by Operation Bright Star 82 could continue after the end of the operation. [ ] 25X1

ZIMBABWE

Analysts noted the growth of a clearly repressive tone to the Zimbabwean government and a greater emphasis on the one-party state in Mugabe's speeches, although it has not yet reached a critical stage. Increased labor unrest and rising white migration, however, indicate a growing element of instability within Zimbabwe that could lead to a destabilization of the Mugabe regime. [ ] 25X1

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